

Statement of Deficiencies

1509.A.9.: Electronic Devices Policy

Not Met

1509.A.9.: Electronic Devices Policy that provides that all activities involving electronic devices, including but not limited to television, movies, games, videos, computers and hand held electronic devices, shall adhere to the following limitations:

- electronic device activities for children under age two are prohibited; and
- time allowed for electronic device activities for children ages two and above shall not exceed two hours per day, with the exception that television, DVD, or video viewing shall be limited to no more than one hour per day;

Finding:

** NEW ** 1509.A.9. Based on observations:

The center did not follow the Electronic Devices Policy as Electronic Devices were used by children under age 2. Upon arrival, Specialist observed a one year old child in a high chair and an 11 month old child in a car seat looking at television. S1 turned the television off during the licensing visit.

1711.A.&B.&D.&G.: Child to Staff Ratio

Not Met

1711.A.&B.&D.&G.: A. Child to staff ratios are established to ensure the safety of all children.

- Minimum child to staff ratios shall be met at all times.
 - There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at an early learning center when more than one child is present.
 - Only those staff members directly providing care, supervision or guidance to children shall be counted in the child to staff ratios.
- Minimum Child to Staff Ratios for Type II and Type III centers:

Ages of Children	Ratio
Infants under 1 year	5:1
1 year	7:1
2 years	11:1
3 years	13:1
4 years	15:1
5 years	19:1
6 years and up	23:1

G. Mixed Age Groups - Minimum Child to Staff Ratios

- An average of the child to staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children ages 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Child to staff ratios for children under age two are excluded from averaging.
- When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child to staff ratio for the group.
- An average may be applied to a mixed age group consisting only of children ages 5 and older.

Finding:

** NEW ** 1711.D Based on record review/observation: The Provider failed to meet the required child to staff ratio for children upon Specialist arrival at the center.

- Upon arrival, Specialist observed S2 in the eating area with 9 children. S2 stated the children were ages two to eight years old. S3 was observed supervising five children. S1 preparing/dispersing lunch for the center. After review of each child's information form, Specialist concluded four of the nine children S2 was supervising were one year of age. The required ratio for children One year of age is seven children per 1 staff person. A second staff was needed in the room with S2 in order for ratio to have been met.

1901.J.&K.: Items That Can be Harmful to Children

Not Met

1901.J.&K.: J. Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, shall be kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

K. Plastic bags, when not in use, regardless of purpose or use, shall be made inaccessible to children.

Finding:

** NEW ** 1901 J Based on observation: Items that can be harmful to children, such as medications, poisons, cleaning supplies and chemicals, and equipment, tools, knives and other potentially dangerous utensils, were not kept in a locked cabinet or other secure place that ensures they are inaccessible to children.

- Specialist observed an aerosol can with air freshener in the bathroom labeled "MEN" that specialist observed children using. S1 removed the can from the bathroom during the licensing visit.